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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the Lincoln Police Department and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:** A one count indictment was unsealed by the Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart, United States Magistrate Judge. The indictment alleges Bans Tsanh Truong conspired with other individuals to manufacture 1,000 or more marijuana plants in violation of federal law.

It is alleged that Truong had ties to a Lincoln residence that was discovered to contain a large number of marijuana plants in differing stages of growth. Truong and two other individuals were arrested on March 6, 2010, after leaving one of the grow houses discovered through the efforts of the Lincoln Police and Lancaster County Sheriff's Narcotics Task Force.

Truong was indicated by a federal grand jury in May of 2010, and entered a not guilty plea. Truong, a Canadian citizen, was ordered to be detained in custody until the case is completed.

**Name of Defendant:** Bans Tsanh Truong

**AKA:**

**Age:** 43

**City of Residence:** Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty:** conspiracy to manufacture 1000 or more marijuana plants- 10 years imprisonment; \$4,000,000 fine; not less than five year term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Lincoln, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** Lincoln, Nebraska

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** over 1,000 marijuana plants

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:**

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** July 1, 2008, through March 6, 2010

**Federal Arrest Date:** June 25, 2010

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date:** May 18, 2010

**Initial Appearance Date:** June 28, 2010

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):**

**Sentencing Date:**

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** trial September 7, 2010

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** Cheryl R. Zwart

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** held without bond

**In Continuous Custody Since:**

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Richard Kopf

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